

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) A blank (1) for a container (2), especially a container wall (3), comprising an upper and a lower peripheral edge (4, 5) and first and second connection edges (6, 7) laterally connecting said peripheral edges, each of said connection edges extending along overlap regions (8, 9) which are interconnectable for shaping the container (2), characterized in that at least one peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) is formed in at least each of the overlap regions (8, 9), said peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) overlapping one another at least in part upon connection of the overlap regions (8, 9) to form an inspection opening (13, 14, 15).
2. (Original) The blank according to claim 1, characterized in that said peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) is designed as a peripheral recess (16) which is open to the outside towards the connection edge (6, 7).
3. (Original) The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) are arranged at the same distance from the upper and lower peripheral edge (4, 5).
4. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) is defined on the respective overlap region (8, 9).
5. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) are equally spaced apart from one another along the overlap region (8, 9).

6. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) have the same cross-section.

7. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) extend up to an inner overlap line (19, 20) of the overlap region (8, 9).

8. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) extends with its inner edge (21) at least in part along the overlap line (19, 20).

9. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) is at least surrounded in part by a coating area (22, 23).

10. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the inspection opening (13, 14, 15) which is composed of the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) is substantially circular or oval in cross-section.

11. (Currently Amended) The blank according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the inspection opening (13, 14, 15) which is composed of the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) is substantially slotted in cross-section.

12. (Original) A container (2) comprising a container wall (3) and a lower bottom member (24) which is surrounded by the container wall and connected to said wall in fluid-tight fashion, a discharge opening (25), which is optionally closable by a cover member, being surrounded by the container wall at a location opposite to the bottom member (24), characterized in that the container wall (3) is made from a blank (1) according to any one of the preceding claims.

13. (Original) The container according to claim 12, characterized in that the lower peripheral edge of the container wall (3) is bent towards the container interior (29) and a receiving channel (26) is formed for a peripheral flange (32) of the bottom member (24).

14. (Original) The container according to claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the upper peripheral edge (4) of the container wall (3) is flanged and/or flat-pressed for forming a mouth roll (27), or the like.

15. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 14~~ claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the inspection opening (13, 14, 15) is sealed in fluid-tight fashion by a particularly transparent film (28) or coating.

16. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of Claims 12 to 15~~ claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the film (28) or coating extends along the overlap region (8, 9).

17. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 16~~ claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the film (28) or coating is covered by at least one connection edge (6) arranged in the container interior (29).

18. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 17~~ claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the film (28) or coating extends from the container interior (29) around the connection edge (6) arranged in the container interior up to at least the connection edge (7) located on the outside.

19. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 18~~ claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the film (28) or coating is provided at least at places with an imprint (20) and/or a coloration.

20. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 12 to 19~~claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the inspection opening (13, 15, 15) can be covered by a particularly flap-like cover (31) on the outside on the container (2).

21. (Currently Amended) The container according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 12 to 20~~claim 12 or 13, characterized in that the cover (31) is self-adhesive and/or peelable.